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Nine hole disc golf course fully open and running along Panther Trail

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CAMPUS

New cash brings new speakers

Donation to help the understanding of Illinois politics

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior University Reporter

Former Illinois Governor and Eastern alum Jim Edgar and his wife, Brenda, have donated \$150,000 to start a government speaking series to bring speakers to Eastern twice a year to talk about Illinois politics.

"This has been an extremely generous display of their loyalty and affection to the university," said Karla Evans, executive director for development. Evans works at the EIU Foundations office. The office is in charge of handling the Edgars' donation.

Evans said the donation of \$150,000 would remain untouched for a year, so interest can collect on the endowment.

The interest of the endowment would then be used to bring in speakers to talk about state government, Evans said.

"The original (endowment) is never touched; only the interest off of it," Evans said.

Every endowed fund works that way, she added.

In light of this, Edgar is slated to speak during the fall semester. Brenda Edgar is scheduled to speak during the spring semester.

Exact dates for when the Edgars will speak are being negotiated.

"The Edgars wanted this to be a gift to the university and wanted the students to have the opportunity to learn from this experience," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

The Edgars created a committee in charge of choosing who comes to speak at Eastern.

The committee consists of Nilsen and a representative from the history department, political science, student government and a professional colleague of the Edgars.

Nilsen said the representatives have not been decided.

The Edgars require the committee to select a speaker who will focus on state government, current issues in state government and the historical implications of those current issues.

Nilsen said the committee would most likely convene sometime during the spring semester.

"This is a wonderful gift from the Edgars and a wonderful opportunity for Eastern students and the community," Nilsen said.

ADMINISTRATION

HUDSON ANSWERS EASTERN'S CALL

A man's transition from student to boss

By Katie Anderson
Campus Editor

Mark has over 11,000 kids. Two of whom he lives with. Like a good father, Mark makes sure they have a safe place to live, are well fed and do well in school.

Mark, or "Mark the Spark" as his parents Edna Mae and Harold, lovingly called him as a child, is better known around Eastern as Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

Mark's history with Eastern does not begin, however, in 2001 when he got the call for the job from former Eastern President Lou Hencken, but rather in the spring of 1976 when he spent his first days on campus as a freshman in Weller Hall.

He laughs as he remembers those days.

"I was the same scared 'Oh my God what am I going to do with myself' freshman," he said.

Hudson's 82-year-old mother said her youngest of four, always enjoyed school even before college.

"He's always been a very busy boy," she said. "I used to sit and wait for him to come home; he'd always be doing something at the school."

College was no different for Hudson.

At the end of his freshmen year, he applied to be a resident assistant for the following year and received a "No" letter. Frustrated, Hudson went to see his hall director, Jean Ritchie.

Ritchie told Hudson he needed to get more involved and invited him to the hall meeting that night where



AMIR PRELLBERG | DEN

Director of University Housing and Dining Services Mark Hudson plays Crazy Eights in his dining room with his wife Donna and two sons Andy, 17, (left) and Danny, 12, at their family home in Charleston on Tuesday evening.

hudson took the advice to heart.

Hudson ran for hall president and won.

Being involved with hall council and the Residence Hall Association introduced Hudson to Hencken, director of University Housing and Dining at the time.

Hudson continued his involvement the following year.

"It was a really fun year," Hudson remembers with a smile.

With a position as hall president and serving as a member of student senate, Hudson once again applied to be an RA.

This time Hudson made the alternate list, still not achieving the coveted RA position.

A phone call from Hencken

"It was a week before the RA's

"I was the same scared 'Oh my God what am I going to do with myself' freshman"

— Mark Hudson

Director of University Housing and Dining

were supposed to come back in August when Lou called me. 'Are you still interested in being an RA?' he said."

Hudson remembers being so surprised and excited he had to call back and ask which building he was assigned to.

"My first hall director was Keith Kohanzo, Eastern's former director of Judicial Affairs who retired last year," Hudson said. "He was an awesome mentor, great supervisor and funny guy."

Hudson spent the next three years finishing his undergrad in business and being an RA in Stevenson Hall.

"It was a fabulous experience," Hudson said. "I always think I was within one week of never having been the director of housing here. If I hadn't gotten the call to be an RA, would I have gone out a third time?"

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CAMPUS

A silver anniversary of art

Tarble Arts Center's staff prepares to celebrate 25 years

By Dylan Divit
Activities Editor

Newton E. Tarble considered his time at Eastern (1903-1909) the most happy and profitable times of his life.

After a stint in World War I as an infantry officer, Tarble co-founded the Snap-On Tool Company in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Still, he never forgot his Illinois roots.

In 1973, Eastern presented Tarble with the Distinguished Alumni Award; the same year, he pledged \$1 million towards construction of

a facility that would "take the arts to the people."

The following year, the university's School of Fine Arts was established.

It was 1978. The art center began to materialize and James Johnson, Dean of Arts and Humanities, became the Chair of the art department.

"It was the reason I decided to come to Eastern," said Johnson. "The opening was quite exciting because we realized the potential it had for the university."

"Tarble not only provides the experience of art, but its design truly is a work of art within itself," Johnson said.

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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | DEN

Director of the Tarble Arts Center, Michael Watts, encourages everyone to "come on in" for the 25th anniversary of the Tarble Arts Center.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

TODAY
98° | 74°
Sunny



FRIDAY
95° | 70°
Partly Sunny



SATURDAY
87° | 64°
Thunderstorms



Hudson and Hencken

HUDSON, FROM PAGE 1

That phone call from Hencken was to be the first in a series of three. The next would come in 1981 when Hudson was hired as the associate resident director for Weller Hall. “Lou hired me for all three of my jobs [at Eastern]. He hired me to be an RA, hired me to be a graduate student and he was the vice president of Student Affairs when he hired me to be the director of housing. So I owe a lot to Lou.”

The longest internship ever
Much has changed for Hudson since 1983, when he graduated from Eastern. After graduation Hudson found himself at the Oshkosh Placement Exchange in Oshkosh, Wis. then was recruited to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks where he spent 18 years of his career.

“I was hired as the complex director and began what people like to call the longest internship in history,” Hudson said jokingly. After two years in Grand Forks, Hudson was back in Oshkosh interviewing candidates for the complex director position. That is when he met Donna, a graduate of Missouri Columbia with her masters in psychology. Hudson returned to Grand Forks with Donna, the new complex director and, although he didn’t know yet, his future wife. “We started dating three weeks after I got there,” said Donna. “We always say I was her boss for three weeks,” Hudson said. “She’s been my boss ever since.”

The third call
“We had kind of been looking for opportunities to come back closer to home,” Donna remembers. “And

then Mark got a call.” Edna Mae, Hudson’s 82-year-old mother remembers that time well too. “I had just had heart surgery and Mark had made the 14-hour trip many times to be by my side,” she said. “We didn’t want to monopolize his time, but we were very happy to have them close,” Edna Mae said. In summer of 2001, Hudson left his associate director of residence services position and headed back to Charleston as the director of University Housing and Dinning with his wife and young sons. Hencken recalls the decision was easy. “He’s very student oriented and that was obvious when he was an RA. Everything he did when in RHA, as an RA and as a hall director, ect. He was always doing the best for the students and that impressed me.”

Tarble a center for local art

TARBLE, FROM PAGE 1

Under the leadership of Dr. Vaughn Jaenike, former Dean of Fine Arts, the Tarble Art Center opened its door to the public in the summer of 1982 with an emphasis on community engagement, artistic appreciation and education. In 2004, an east wing addition was made possible with donations from the Tarble family. Mrs. Newton (Pat) Tarble gave a \$2.3 million gift, and their daughter, Jan, gave a \$2 million gift. Now, the center is commending its quarter-century landmark with the exhibition “The Tarble at 25: Celebrating the Collection.” The center’s permanent collection, which mostly pre-dates the building, focuses on Illinois folk art, contemporary Midwestern art on paper and

American Scene art. Michael Watts, director of Tarble for 21 years, said the permanent collection is meant to reflect and recognize the area’s artistic contributions. Throughout the year, Tarble hosts a variety of events and temporary exhibitions. These range from a chamber music series, interactive and mixed media instillations, to workshops for the community. There are also annual undergraduate, graduate and faculty shows, as well as a youth exhibit for surrounding area schools. The exhibits themselves balance interest between the students and community. Although student visitors are sometimes stagnant, there is constantly a new audience, said Watts. “A challenge and on-going issue about arts is they lack the same rec-

ognition as other areas of activity,” said Watts. “Student apathy is significant.” Johnson said he feels students can benefit from Tarble and art’s ability to allow people to expand on awareness. While half of the permanent collection is folk art (quilts, carvings and other textile art), new art forms and technology will continue to challenge the Tarble Arts Center. “I tell people you might not like every exhibition, but in the course of a year there should be two or three that you’ll really like,” Watts said. Tarble is the only facility on campus constructed entirely through donated funds. Made possible by membership contributions and endowments, Tarble will preserve and exhibit art for future generations.

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KEN BAKER PODCAST
Online Reporter Eugenia Jefferson sat down with interim Athletic Director Ken Baker to find out his plans for the athletic department. Baker is also the director of the student recreation center.



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DISC GOLF SLIDESHOW
Disc golf enthusiasts are flocking to Eastern's disc golf course now that it is fully operational. Like real golf, an even par is what the golfers shoot for.

DISC COURSE FLYING SMOOTHLY



ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | DEN

Jum Figora, a Junior Art major, putts toward the third hole on Eastern's new disc golf course. "Disc golf is a great way to take your mind off the stresses in the world," Figora said. The 9-hole disc golf course was installed over the summer.

By Barbara Harrington
Staff Reporter

One spring of construction and \$15,769 later, Eastern is now on par with Southern Illinois, Western Illinois and Illinois State Universities.

Disc golfers can now play on the new nine-hole course for recreation or competition.

The student senate approved the course in February, and construction began in the spring and was completed over the summer.

Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, said he believes the money allotted for the course was money well spent.

The university already had the space for the course, and Bulgar liked the idea of bringing an up-and-coming sport to campus.

"It will get a lot of students who wouldn't normally go to the (Student Recreation Center) out there," he said. "Before, peo-

ple who played Frisbee golf or frolf, as some call it, would have to travel 30-40 minutes away to play."

Disc golf is similar to regular golf. The object of the game is to get through the course with as few "strokes" as possible, but instead of putting a ball into a hole, players throw a disc into a target or basket.

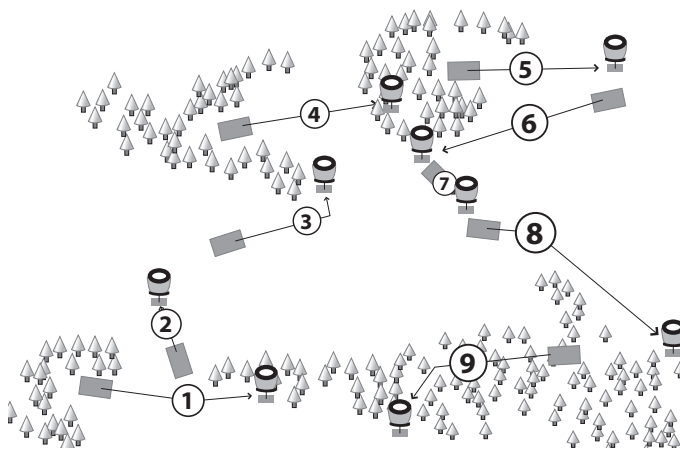
To help a player successfully make par, there are several types of discs available: a basic disc, a putting disc and a disc that curves to one side.

"(The game) can be as sophisticated as you want," said Ken Baker, director of Campus Recreation and interim athletic director.

For those who are new to the game, there is a practice basket across from Taylor Hall, which serves as a sort of "driving range."

Players can work on developing skills such as distance and aim before trying out the course.

EASTERN'S DISC GOLF COURSE LAYOUT



Baker said since the completion of the project he has seen players out on the course regularly.

"Even over the summer we had a league develop," Baker said.

Baker and Bulgar both expect the popularity of the course to increase as the semester goes on.

"I'm hoping more people

will say 'Hey let's go try this. It's something new; it's something fun,'" Bulgar said.

The course is open to everyone, and there is no tee time, sign up or fee to play.

It is located just south of the campus pond. Discs and score cards are available in the Rec Center. Scorecards are also available first tee.

Rec center upgrades building, machines

Ease of use takes center stage in the Rec's construction

By Katey Mitchell
Senior Campus Reporter

Kevin Linker, director of intramural sports, thinks the Student Recreation Center is the best place on campus.

It "keeps raising the bar," he said. This summer the staff looked to the students for inspiration as they worked to "raise the bar" by improving their facilities.

Linker said one of the biggest requests from students was met with the addition of the Circuit Express, a collection of machines and workout tips to help give students a full body workout in 30 minutes.

Senior communication studies major Liz Norris has used the new workout areas and said she appreci-

ates the "easy and straightforward" directions on the machines.

"It lays everything out for you," Norris said. "You don't have to look at the machine to figure it out."

Senior art education major, Lexi Mayberry said. She really like they way the system works like a personal trainer.

"The signs help motivate and the pictures show you how to work the machines. It feels like I am working out every part of my body," she said.

Studnets will find more than the Circuit Express is new.

Over the past few months, the university has brought in other new equipment, created new workout routines and increased security.

There are more elliptical machines, StairMasters and weight room equipment.

"We're supposed to have weight benches with the weights on the sides (of the machine) instead of on the weight tree," Linker said. "So it

is more convenient for the lifter."

The lower level entrance and area connecting the lower weight room and court one also received improvement in the form of new lighting.

Rec Center staff expect continued improvements throughout the semester with the installation of new security cameras.

"There are some areas that need to be looked at that weren't covered by the first set," Linker said. "(The cameras) will make (the Rec) safer for students."

One area that will be covered is the back stairwell that connects the aerobics room with the exercise room upstairs. Currently, cameras do not cover the emergency doors and stairs. Dan Sheehan, senior recreation administration major, said he likes the fact that money from students is given back to the students through the Rec Center instead of "being sent somewhere else where (students) don't see it."

BREAKDOWN OF THE CIRCUIT EXPRESS

- **Five minute warm up** with exercise bikes
- **10 reps on each of these machines:** ab crunch, leg extensions, bicep curl, chest press, seated leg curl
- **Resistance training:** 10 reps at moderate effort on: lat pull down, tricep press, squat, shoulder press
- **Five to 10 minutes Stretch** and cool down on mat

HOURS OF THE REC CENTER

- **Monday-Thursday:** 5:30 a.m.-midnight.
- **Friday:** 5:30 a.m. - 10 p.m..
- **Saturday and Sunday:** 10 a.m. -10 p.m.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Study Abroad informational tonight

A Study Abroad informational session will be available for all students interested in studying abroad.

The session is at 4 p.m. today in Blair Hall Room 1207.

Students of all years and majors are welcome.

Minority Reception tonight in Union

The Minority Faculty, Staff & Student reception is 3 to 5 p.m. today in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom.

New additions made available at Library

Booth Library has new equipment available for patrons on the 4000 level.

Four Windows laptops are available to check out for a 4-hour limit but cannot be taken outside the library.

Four 6-megapixel cameras are also available and are due back at noon the day after checkout.

Also, four MP3 players have been added to the selection. The players are compatible with MyMedia-Mall, which hosts audiobooks that can be added from the library or the patron's home. The MP3 players can be checked out for one week.

National Guard grants now available

Applications for the Illinois National Guard Grants for this school year are now available. The applications can be picked up in the Veterans Services Office in the Student Services Building. The deadline for the application is Oct. 1.

—Hayley Clark, News Editor

ON CAMPUS

TODAY

Event | Turnitin Help

Time | 9:00 a.m.

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CORRECTIONS

On Page 12 of Wednesday's edition, The Daily Eastern News reported an error in the article "Baker Ready For Next Challenge." Rich McDuffie was actually relieved of his duties as Eastern's Athletic Director following an investigation into complaints of sexual harassment.

The DEN regrets the error.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EASTERN NOT A MELTING POT

Chris Walden’s (column), “Learn to be a Global Citizen”, promotes the appearance of a culturally diverse campus in Charleston, even stating that Eastern is as good a melting pot as any university.

Apparently Walden needs to put the controller down and leave his dorm room before making similar exaggerated and unsupported claims in the future.

Gerald Cotiangco, Freshman

**Editor’s note: in his column Chris Walden said “Charleston is a melting pot of different ethnicities and credos.”*

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“LET’S GIVE THEM
SOMETHING TO TALK
ABOUT”Is Blagojevich doing his
job with the budget?

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID PENNELL



STAFF EDITORIAL

Stop giving false hope;
give Eastern Doudna

Upon returning to campus, students were disappointed when the cold chain-link fences surrounding our much-anticipated fine arts center greeted them.

The Doudna Building renovation has been in progress since September of 2001, when the original model was unveiled.

Eastern was very excited when the staff was able to move out of the building and construction was underway. It was only a short time until the state started to drag its feet by freezing the funding and they have been dragging their feet ever since.

Because the funding was pulled after the contractors started the asbestos removal and key items such as lights were missing, the building could not be occupied and that is how it sat for three years.

The students of Eastern deserve more. Students who entered the university in 2003 were promised that the building would be done in just one year.

Those students graduated in May without ever seeing the magic that was promised to be behind the copper walls.

It was not until Feb. 23, 2004 when the office of Governor Rod Blagojevich announced they would give \$46 million for the project. The project then sat for another 10 months while the state researched bids and changed the plans for the project.

The Daily Eastern News feels those students who learned in former grocery stores

EDITORIAL POLICY

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while the state was developing a plan were not given the education they could have had if the professors were given the facility.

Eastern expected delays with the building that President Lou Hencken said had no right angles. Administrators planned to extend the leases for Art Park West and the Vil-liage Theatre if needed and have not ordered any of the necessary equipment in case they had no place to put it. However, the estimates made by the state that the project would take 30 months from March of 2005 are not accurate.

The state’s Capital Development Board has absolute control of the building until construction is complete and then the university must order and move in all of the new equipment.

It may take a long time to get every aspect of the building right and the students are tired of waiting.

Will the class of 2010, that was told in orientation they would use Doudna this fall, graduate, like the class of 2007, without ever using one potter’s wheel or performing one concert in the fine arts center that lured them to campus?

COLUMN | MATT’S SOAPBOX

No budget
no raise this
is real lifeMatt
HOPF

When I was growing up, I was told if I worked hard that I would be rewarded, whether it be a raise or promotion.

Lately it seems that if you want to get a raise, all you have to do is miss deadline by two months.

This is what the state lawmakers must believe. They are giving themselves a total of two pay raises increasing their pay by more than 13 percent, which is part of the already two months late budget.

This is a great idea. When I have kids someday, I am going to tell them to be late with all their homework and work deadlines. They will definitely get raises.

If this column missed deadline, I would not be working for the Daily Eastern News anymore.

Where is the state government’s boss? Oh, wait. The voters in Illinois are the supervisors of the elected officials.

I say when the time comes for their evaluations, otherwise known as Election Day voters make it known that they are getting a poor marks.

It’s time to make it known that self-implemented pay raises are not warranted, especially when the budget for fiscal year 2008 is looked at.

The deadline for the budget was May 31, which requires a three-fifths majority to pass. A temporary budget was passed for July, but none for August.

On Aug. 10 the General Assembly sent an approved budget to Gov. Rod Blagojevich, which he still has not signed.

Blagojevich said he wants to cut millions of pork projects out of the budget. Not being cut out of the budget are the raises for lawmakers and him.

He plans on using the money cut from the budget to jump start health care initiatives, including expanding the Family Care and All Kids.

Earlier this year Blagojevich tried to enact a gross receipts tax to raise \$6 billion in revenue for education and healthcare projects, which crashed the moment it came to a vote in the General Assembly.

If Blagojevich wants to give more health care benefits to those who cannot afford it, why not take away the pay raises?

With the pay raises Blagojevich will now make \$171,000 and the part-time legislators will receive over \$65,000.

Blagojevich has not made any comments that he would cut the pay hikes.

Raises should have to wait until they can finish their job on time.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

The Daily Eastern News is has a weekly spot open on Wednesdays for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a column.

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Rick Kambic hopes to lead the charge into fantasy football with a campus-wide custom league for readers. To find out more check the blogs on www.dennews.com.

STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Whispers about clout surface as Gov. Ryan's appeal continues

CHICAGO – As former Gov. George Ryan remains free on bond more than 16 months after his racketeering and fraud conviction, some observers can't help but suggest that plain old political clout is as much at play as legal due process.

Legal experts say serious questions concerning problem-plagued jury deliberations at the close of his six-month trial remain before the 73-year-old Ryan is sent off to start his 6 1/2-year sentence.

But experts are skeptical and say political clout may be at work, especially after an appeals court upheld Ryan's conviction Tuesday but then canceled a 72-hour deadline for him to report to prison.

"Look, if he were Joe Shmo he'd be gone," Roosevelt University political scientist Paul Green said Wednesday. "But then if he were Joe Shmo he wouldn't have been governor."

STATE FINANCES

Inaction leaves budget in limbo

Blagojevich hopes to cut \$500 million in special interest projects

SPRINGFIELD – More than a week after promising to slash \$500 million out of the state budget, Gov. Rod Blagojevich still hasn't taken action, leaving the budget in limbo.

On Wednesday, the state's 22nd day without a budget, some officials argued Blagojevich can't find places to cut without hurting important programs or political constituencies.

Steve Brown, spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, said the governor's staff is "least equipped" to search for cuts.

"Under the motto 'We don't know and we don't care,' these people haven't paid any attention in five years, so it's going to take them a long time to figure it out now," Brown said.

Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff denied the delay

indicates trouble finding places to cut. She said it simply takes time to put together and review such a long veto.

Meanwhile, one of Blagojevich's closest allies pointed out an omission in the budget that legislators sent to the Democratic governor's desk.

Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, said in a letter to House members that the budget failed to include money for local projects begun in the past that have not yet been completed.

That means state funding could dry up in the middle of building new sewer systems, parks, fire departments and other projects, Hoffman wrote.

The governor's office sent Hoffman's letter and examples of the projects to reporters. It comes after news stories about the potential impact of Blagojevich cutting new local projects that are promised in the latest budget.

"While many lawmakers are speculating and raising concern about brand new projects that might be vetoed, there are hundreds

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— Steve Brown

Spokesman for House Speaker Michael Madigan

of commitments they've already made to their communities that won't be paid under the budget they passed," Ottenhoff said in an e-mail.

The old budget expired July 31. Lawmakers approved a new one on Aug. 10.

On Aug. 14, Blagojevich said he would approve most of the budget but cut \$500 million in "pork and special interest spending" by the end of the week. He specifically criticized local projects inserted into the budget by each lawmaker.

"I think the reality is it's tough to find \$500 million in cuts," House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego, said Tuesday.

While Blagojevich criticized

adding new member projects, Ottenhoff said he does not object to old ones that were promised in past years. She said the money has been set aside already, so including it again won't bloat the budget. The governor's office could not say how much money is in question.

Madigan's spokesman said the money was left out at the request of Republican lawmakers because most projects were for Democratic legislators. The money could be restored later, he said.

David Dring, spokesman for the House Republican leader, said the GOP objected to including large lump sums for the projects without details on how the money would be spent.

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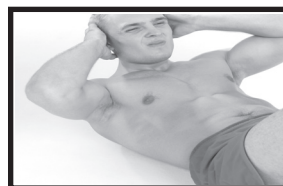
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Johnny Ray Conner, 32, was convicted in 1999 for fatally shooting Houston convenience store clerk Kathyanna Nguyen, 49, during an attempted robbery.

Foley won't let FLDE examine his computer

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – Florida's top police agency said Wednesday its investigation into former U.S. Rep. Mark Foley's lurid Internet communications with teenage boys has been hindered because neither Foley nor the House will let investigators examine his congressional computers.

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement says it hopes to conclude its investigation next week.

MINNESOTA

Pigeons took toll on failed bridge

Dung aids in rusting, weakening steel before deadly collapse

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. – Pounded and strained by heavy traffic and weakened by missing bolts and cracking steel, the failed interstate bridge over the Mississippi River also faced a less obvious enemy: Birds, specifically pigeons.

Inspectors began documenting the buildup of pigeon dung on the span near downtown Minneapolis two decades ago.

Experts say the corrosive guano deposited all over the Interstate 35W span's framework helped the steel beams rust faster.

Although investigators have yet to identify the cause of the bridge's Aug. 1 collapse, which killed at least 13 people and injured about 100, the pigeon problem is one of many

factors that dogged the structure.

In 1996, screens were installed over openings in the bridge's beams to keep pigeons from nesting there, but that didn't prevent the building of droppings elsewhere.

Pigeon droppings contain ammonia and acids, said chemist Neal Langerman, an officer with the health and safety division of the American Chemical Society. If the dung isn't washed away, it dries out and turns into a concentrated salt. When water gets in and combines with the salt and ammonia, it creates small electrochemical reactions that rust the steel underneath.

"Every time you get a little bit of moisture there, you wind up having a little bit of electrochemistry occurring and you wind up with corrosion," said Langerman. "Over a long term, it might in fact cause structural weaknesses."

Langerman emphasized that he wasn't saying pigeon dung factored into the collapse of the 40-year-old

bridge. "Let's let the highway transportation and safety people do their job," he said.

The problem is familiar to bridge inspectors everywhere.

The Colorado Department of Transportation spent so much time cleaning pigeon manure off bridges that it is embarking on a two-year research project looking for ways to keep pigeons away from its spans.

"It can be damaging to our structures because it's slightly acidic and it has other compounds in it that can dissolve especially things like concrete," said Patricia Martinek, the agency's environmental research manager.

Pigeon guano isn't just a danger to the bridges.

In the Denver area, the Colorado DOT pays outside environmental specialists to clean bridges wearing full biohazard suits with respirators because of heightened fears about bird flu and other diseases, said Rob Haines, who supervises maintenance there.



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Nudity and doughnuts allowed

Vermont capital rejects temporary nudity ban

BATTLEBORO, Vt. – Vermont's clothing-optional capital is stripping off its temporary ban on public nudity.

A month after passing the temporary ban, the Brattleboro Selectboard voted 3-2 on Tuesday to reject a proposed ordinance that would have made it permanent. When the emergency temporary ordinance expires next month, public nudity will no longer be illegal.

It's all about tolerance, one board member said.

"We in this country are going down a slippery slope these days," said Dora Bouboulis, noting a national newspaper recently published an article about the

emergency ordinance under the headline "Tolerant town gets intolerant."

She said it wasn't up to the town to restrict anyone's right to dress or undress.

Before the vote, residents weighed in on both sides of the debate.

Michael Gauthier gave the Selectboard a petition with signatures of 967 people who support a nudity ban.

"What is the point, other than shock and awe, that the nudists are trying to make?" he asked.

Seniors centers can still serve doughnuts

CARMEL, N.Y. – Local officials are listening to their elders, and giving up at least part of a plan to ban doughnuts

from senior citizens' centers for health reasons.

Putnam County officials had proposed prohibiting free, day-old doughnuts from the county's five senior centers, which serve about 1,000 lunches each day. Nutritionists questioned whether the doughnuts were suitable snacks for people over 65.

Seniors rebelled, saying they're mature enough to decide what they eat. Some 250 people signed a petition blasting the proposal as a crummy idea.

On Tuesday, county officials proposed a compromise: Small amounts of doughnuts, cakes and other baked goods could be served at the centers – but they have to be eaten elsewhere.

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DISASTER

Hurricane Dean hits Mexico’s oil coast after battering Yucatan

The Associated Press

TECOLUTLA, Mexico — A sprawling Hurricane Dean slammed into Mexico for the second time in as many days Wednesday and quickly stretched across to the Pacific Ocean, then weakened as it drenched the central mountains with rain that flooded houses along the coast.

Coming ashore with top sustained winds of 100 mph, Dean’s center hit the tourism and fishing town of Tecolutla shortly after civil defense workers loaded the last evacuees onto army trucks and headed to inland shelters.

There was no escaping the wide storm’s hurricane-force winds, which lashed at a 60-mile stretch of the coast in Veracruz state.

“You can practically feel the winds, they’re so strong,” Maria del Pilar Garcia said by telephone from inside the hotel she manages in Tuxpan, a town some 40 miles north of where Dean made landfall. “I hope this passes quickly and the rivers don’t overflow.”

Sounds of crashing metal prompted farmer Moises Aguilar to take a dangerous risk in Monte Gordo, 20 miles down the coast from Tecolutla.

At the height of the storm, he dashed outside his house, about 300 yards from the sea, and struggled against the wind as his neighbor’s roof ripped apart.

“We’ve closed the curtains because we don’t want to see what is going on out there,” Aguilar said, his voice nearly drowned out by another crash. “I think that’s more metal roofing from my garage.”

At 7 p.m., Dean was 75 miles north of Mexico City, where it generated steady rain, and was moving west at 17 mph.

The Hurricane Center predicted it would dissipate Wednesday night or Thursday morning over the mountains of central Mexico.

Mexico had suspended offshore oil production and shut down its only nuclear power plant as tens of thousands headed for higher ground. The state oil company said there was no known damage to any of its production facilities on shore or in the Gulf of Mexico. Dean struck land Wednesday

as a Category 2 storm after regaining some of the force it unleashed on the Yucatan.

Its first strike on the peninsula Tuesday as a Category 5 tempest with 165 mph winds was the third most intense Atlantic hurricane ever to make landfall.

Officials said there were no reports of deaths in Mexico directly caused by Dean, which killed 20 people in its earlier sweep through the Caribbean.

The toll rose Wednesday when Haitian officials said seven more storm deaths had been reported in remote areas.

Dean’s sustained winds dropped to 85 mph, Category 1, shortly after making landfall in late morning, and it was downgraded to a tropical storm by afternoon with winds of near 70 mph.

But the biggest worry was rain.

Up to 20 inches of rainfall were expected to swell rivers and soak mountains in a region prone to mudslides and flash floods.

“The water is rising. It’s entering the houses now. The children are very frightened,” said Maria Luisa Cervantes, who fled her low-lying home with her five children to a shelter in Poza Rica after a flying sheet of metal snapped power cables on to her roof.

The mountain ranges that parallel Mexico’s coast are dotted with villages connected by precarious roads and susceptible to disaster.

A rainstorm in 1999 caused floods that killed at least 350 people, destroyed tens of thousands of houses and damaged the pre-Hispanic ruins at Tajin.

“We don’t want the same thing to happen again and we said, ‘Let’s get out of here,’” Jesus Vargas, a worker at a tire repair shop, said at a shelter in Poza Rica, a city 30 miles inland from Tecolutla. Poza Rica became the area’s command center, with shelters for thousands.

As the storm dissipated, people in Poza Rica ventured out to assess the damage and found it less than feared.

“A lot of homes were left without roofs,” said Mariano Gutierrez, the city’s civil defense chief. “Many trees fell on public streets and on houses. There are many fallen signs. But so far, thank God, we don’t have anything serious.”

Producers of corn and sugar cane, however, likely suffered heavy losses in Veracruz, a key agricultural state.

Coffee plantations at higher elevations also were threatened by the heavy rains, industry officials said.

Although Dean swept over Yucatan as a rare Category 5 hurricane, which is capable of causing catastrophic damage, the storm’s top winds were relatively narrow and appeared to hit just one town: the cruise ship port of Majahual.

The few people who had not evacuated Majahual narrowly escaped with their lives.

Dean demolished hundreds of houses, crumpled steel girders, splintered wooden structures and washed away parts of concrete dock that transformed what once was a sleepy fishing village into a top cruise ship destination.

The storm surge covered almost the entire town in waist-deep sea water, said fishermen Jorge Gonzalez, who struggled to keep his dog Camilo above water after taking refuge in a flooded store. “There came a moment when I thought this was the end,” he said.

Information still was sparse about dozens of inland Mayan Indian communities where people living in stick huts rode out the storm. President Felipe Calderon flew over Yucatan to survey damage Wednesday.

Greatly weakened from its trip across the peninsula, Dean moved across the southern Gulf of Mexico, home to 100 oil platforms, three major oil-

BRIEFS

Southern Iraq has become worse according to former U.S. general

The Associated Press

LONDON — Britain has allowed the deteriorating security in southern Iraq to get worse, a retired U.S. general said Wednesday, warning that American troops may need to plug the gaps if Prime Minister Gordon Brown withdraws significant numbers of British soldiers.

Former U.S. Army Gen. Jack Keane, who was vice chief of staff at the time the Iraq war was launched in 2003, said Britain never deployed enough troops to properly stabilize the region around the southern city of Basra.

His criticism, which follows other sharp comments from U.S. and British military officials and analysts, could be aimed at pressuring Brown as he weighs a winter withdrawal of troops. Such a move which would increase his popularity when some speculate he

may consider a national election.

“I think there is a general disengagement from what the key issues are around Basra,” Keane told British Broadcasting Corp. radio. “The Brits have never had enough troops to truly protect the population and we have found that out painfully in the central region as well.”

India, Japan set 2010 deadline for free trade agreement

NEW DELHI — Japan moved to boost its economic engagement with India Wednesday as the two nations set a target to more than double trade over the next three years and agreed to work toward an early conclusion of a free trade agreement.

Japan’s involvement with this growing economic powerhouse has lagged behind that of other major powers, which have been more successful in working with India, where the economy is growing

close to 9 percent a year.

The past year has seen the two countries work hard to boost trade and investment ties through such initiatives as a free trade pact, or what is called an Economic Partnership Agreement, and Japanese participation in large infrastructure projects in India.

Militants kill soldiers in attacks in northwest Pakistan

MIRAN SHAH, Pakistan — Suspected militants fired rockets and assault rifles at a security post and a military base in separate attacks in northwestern Pakistan on Wednesday, killing four soldiers, officials said.

In the first attack, militants shot at a security post in Bannu, a troubled town near the North Waziristan tribal region that borders Afghanistan, said Mohammed Noor, a local police official.

Hoover believes Eastern is a good fit

TRAVELING, FROM PAGE 12

Hoover said he and the players at Eastern, even though it is his first year, have a good relationship. He compared the football team to a tight-knit family.

Hoover said he and the team began to bond last spring when they went through camps.

“The team gets along really well,” Hoover said.

Head coach Scott Maxfield of Henderson State said Hoover also had been able to get along well with

the players on his team.

“He was a really good coach,” Maxfield said. “They had a good bond and he was able to motivate the players.”

Compliments on Hoover come close to home as well as junior running back Norris Smith also was happy with the hiring and coaching abilities of Hoover.

“He is always talking with the offensive linemen and stressing the run game,” Smith said. “As a running back, I’m like that of course.”

Smith said he feels the team is in good hands when it comes to the

running game.

Hoover said he does not feel as though he has to change much at all here in terms of the running game.

“I think sometimes it’s harder to keep a good thing going,” Hoover said. “Eastern is a very physical team and the running game is a part of that. I didn’t feel I had to reinvent the wheel.”

Hoover said he feels confident at the running position because of its depth, even with the injury to Smith.

He said he expects a good season from the Panthers.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS
- 1 Part of Poor Richard's Almanack

6 They clear the way

12 Think over, in a way

14 Wearing white after Labor Day, e.g.

15 Rest

16 Border in the court?

17 It might help you take a turn for the better

19 "See ___ care"

20 Bill and Hillary Clinton, e.g.

21 Fast pitch

23 Place to get a C.D.

26 Gaelic tongue

29 Cinnabar, e.g.

30 Emperor under Pope Innocent III

32 Early Surrealist

35 Ten minutes in a laundry, maybe

37 Hangar site

40 Upper armbones

44 Byron's "___ Walks in Beauty"

45 Pay (up)

47 Nutcases

48 Pilgrim to Mecca

51 Fundamental of philosophy

53 First U.S. pres. to travel in a submarine

54 "You'll have to take my word for it"

59 Informal words of concurrence

60 Attribution

62 Strife

63 A Lennon sister

64 Song from "The Music Man" with the lyric "What words could be saner or truer or plainer"

65 Word that can precede the starts of 17-, 35- and 54-Across and 16-Down
- DOWN
- 1 Band score abbr.

2 Frying medium

3 Designate

4 U.F.O. feature, maybe

5 Minimal effort

6 Commanded

7 They are sorry

8 Yellow spring flower

9 Perspective

10 Stable places

11 Abilene-to-San Antonio dir.

13 Unlikely party animal

14 Cry of disgust

16 Low pressure area

18 Good name for a trial lawyer?

19 Abbr. on a film box

22 Tennis call

24 Columnist Maureen

25 Word repeated in a child's taunt

27 For example

28 Kind of rate in a bank: Abbr.

31 Letters on a Rémy Martin bottle

33 Jewish month

34 San ___, Italy

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Puzzle by Michael Shteyman

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37 Wood for oars

38 "Ugh!"

39 Remedy

41 Egg-laying mammal

42 Composer of the opera "Tancredi"

43 Form of the German "to be" with "the"

46 7'6" N.B.A. star

49 Titillating

50 Kindergarten comeback

52 How most computer software is sold

55 No ___ Street

56 Kind of school

57 Salt Lake City daily, briefly, with "the"

58 Learn (of)

59 Year of an Amerigo Vespucci voyage

61 Highest tile value in Scrabble

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MEN’S SOCCER | NOTEBOOK

Howarth pleased with preseason play despite loss

By Brandy Provaznik
Sports Reporter

After the Panthers lost their opening exhibition match on an own goal, head coach Adam Howarth said he is still pleased with the way the men’s soccer season has started off.

“It was a little disappointing that we put the ball in the back of our own box but the whole point of that game was to play everybody and see where people were at,” Howarth said.

Twenty-five players got some playing time at Illinois-Springfield. Howarth said not only did the Panthers out-shoot the other team, but they also played well defensively.

“Overall, I think the preseason has gone very well, and the team is strong with good overall fitness,” Howarth said. “Everyone for the most part is healthy and in good shape so that will definitely help us begin the season.”

No positions set in stone

Howarth said the next few days will be when he is especially looking to make decisions about who will be traveling and what the Panthers are doing in specific positions.

The Panthers scrimmaged in practice on Wednesday with three, 25-minute periods.

“There was a lot of good stuff, a lot of goals,” senior mid-fielder and captain Mick Galeski said. “It was really hot and we were all getting tired but I think we did well.”

The Panthers will hold their last game of the preseason at 7 p.m. on Friday at Lakeside Field.

It will be an 11-on-11 intrasquad game.

Howarth said this game will be key in evaluating individuals because the next week they will be preparing the players that will be playing in the tournament next weekend.

“Friday’s game should be very intense and competitive,” Galeski said.



ERIC HILTNER | DEN

Sophomore defender Chris Pearson battles with freshman forward Alex Harrison for the ball during practice on Wednesday afternoon at Lakeside Field. The Panthers finish the preseason with an intrasquad match at 7 p.m. on Friday at Lakeside Field.

“Every spot is up for grabs and we all want to play so we are going to try real hard and give it everything we’ve got.”

The new guys

The Panthers have gained seven new additions to their team including six freshmen and Patrick Mabeya, a junior transfer from Parkland Community College in Champaign.

Howarth said all of them are doing well and that he can see that some freshmen will be pushing for some playing time this season.

“We usually have one or two freshmen start each year, sometimes more, but it just depends on the level of play and what type of impact they have on the team,” Howarth said.

Galeski said he is also very impressed with the new players.

“This is the fittest team we have had since I have been here and the new guys came in good shape and ready to play,” Galeski said.

Preseason rankings

The Panthers were ranked third overall in the Missouri Valley Con-

ference preseason poll by other coaches across the league.

Three individual players were also recognized, with Brad Peters, Galeski and Brad Earl picked as preseason All-MVC choices.

“I think that really credits what we have done in the past, especially last season,” Galeski said.

The Panthers finished sixth in the conference last season.

Galeski said in previous years they have been ranked fifth and sixth, and that being ranked third just shows that other teams are beginning to

MEN’S SOCCER NOTE

• **Next match:** Men’s soccer wraps up its final preseason schedule in an intrasquad match at 7 p.m. on Friday at Lakeside Field.

take notice.

“Now we have to actually earn that spot, not just sit back and say, third, that’s good enough,” Galeski said. “We have to use that as a benchmark for the season and do even better.”

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NATIONAL SPORTS | ROUNDUP

Illinois guard Smith to sit out season

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Illinois guard Jamar Smith will sit out next season following his drunken-driving conviction.

Coach Bruce Weber said Wednesday that Smith will redshirt and re-join the team next fall as a junior if he meets unspecified obligations.

Smith, a 6-foot-3 guard from Peoria, pleaded guilty in May to aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail and 24 months of probation.

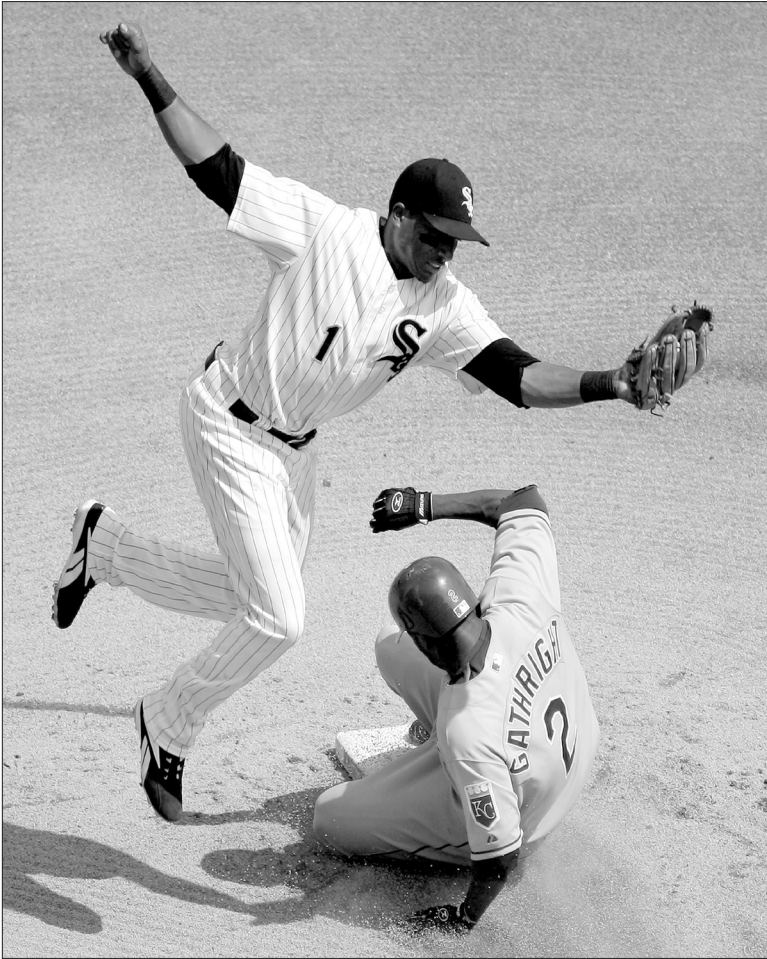
White Sox tied for last

CHICAGO — Brian Bannister doesn’t want to pitch for a last-place club. His sights are set on fourth place. For the Kansas City Royals, baby steps are necessary.

Billy Butler homered and drove in three runs to back Bannister’s strong outing, and Kansas City held off the Chicago White Sox 7-6 on Wednesday. The clubs are tied at the bottom of the five-team AL Central at 56-70.

Fifth straight for Pujols

ST. LOUIS — The Cardinals’ Albert Pujols homered for a career-best fifth consecutive game on Wednesday night, hitting a two-run shot off Florida’s Scott Olsen in the first inning.



SCOTT STRAZZANTE | MCT

Chicago’s Danny Richar grabs a late throw as Kansas City’s Joey Gathright steals second base on Wednesday. The Royals defeated the White Sox 7-6.

INTRAMURALS | NOTEBOOK

Teams can register online for intramurals

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, students have the option of registering their intramural teams and members online.

It's a simple process.

Prospective athletes should log on to ciu.imtrackonline.com and follow the steps online. They need their E-number and the corresponding password, which is the person's email password. All sports teams should be able to register today barring any difficulties according to intramural sports director Kevin Linker.

This year's version of registering

is slightly different. It's an upgraded version called IMOnline 2.0.

"Everyone I talked to said it was good," Linker said.

The E-number should also make the process smoother.

Linker said it was difficult with registration last year because students used their Social Security numbers. That made it difficult for both the intramurals staff and the student to register because the Social Security numbers didn't always match up with the system.

Hall champions to be introduced at football game

The halftime show at the East-

"I don't mind being in front of large crowds."

— Junior special education major Meghan Lahey about being on the field at halftime of the football game.

ern-Tennessee Tech football game on Aug. 30 will feature more than just the band. It will also feature the presentation of the 2006-07 intramural points champions.

Thomas and Pemberton Halls were the male and the female hall champions, and Sigma Pi and Alpha

Phi were the fraternity and the sorority champions.

Junior special education major Megan Lahey said Alpha Phi was excited when they found out they won.

"I was happy because we wanted to keep the winning streaking going," Lahey said.

She said many former high school athletes are members of Alpha Phi.

There will be representatives from the hall and Greek organizations, and they will be presented with the trophies on the football field at O'Brien Stadium.

"I don't mind being in front of large crowds," Lahey said.

Campus fields take a beating

Eastern summer camps are usually held at the practice facilities, but the intramural fields were used this summer because of the overflow of campers.

"The grass doesn't look so good out there," Linker said.

Linker wants it to rain more so it will soften the ground.

Volleyball still the most popular

Intramural volleyball seems to be the popular sport at Eastern with 60 teams signed up, and for the seventh consecutive year there will be more women's teams than men's team.

Panthers need efficient play on both sides of the ball

OFFENSE FROM PAGE 12

In 2005's loss to Southern Illinois, Eastern lost 21-6 and its offense managed 244 yards of total offense. In last year's loss to Illinois State, Eastern did even worse – 138 yards of total offense.

This year, who knows what to expect.

Senior Cole Stinson is back at quarterback, but he must show better touch, better decision-making and more leadership to fully lead the offense.

It also doesn't help that his favorite throwing target, Rucker, has been limited with a foot sprain he suffered three weeks ago.

But Stinson said he spent all summer working with unproven receivers like Jason Fisher, Joel Evers and Quinten Ponius to develop a comfort level.

The running back position doesn't have the depth in the past, and the loss of starting running back Norris Smith for potentially the whole season doesn't help.

The offensive line must replace three starters, and at times in Sunday's scrimmage, looked overpow-



FILE PHOTO | DEN

Junior running back Norris Smith runs against teammates last spring. Smith is currently out with a knee injury.

ered by the defensive line.

By 9:30 p.m. next Thursday, we'll have a better understanding of whether Eastern's offense this year can produce and carry a team.

But the full result of whether this unit will win games solely by them-

selves, as the defense has proven during the last two years, won't be known until late November.

By that time, we'll know if Eastern is in the playoffs – and if any sideline chairs go flying through the air in anger.

New goalkeeper helps fill out roster this season

BACKUP FROM PAGE 12

Nowak said they are both very similar in the ways they play, both being small, quick and able to jump well.

"They both are very quick at getting to things and have the ability to make game changing plays," Nowak said.

Practice is an area that Nowak said he is especially going to notice the difference now with having two goalies.

Nowak said last year there were times they wanted to train Williams harder and have her do more but they had to be careful not to push her into an injury since she was all they had.

"I was a goalkeeper back in college so there were times when maybe I would step in or my assistant, Beth, would step in and be the second goalie during scrimmages in order to take some pressure off of Jenny," Nowak said.

Nowak said he is excited that he does not have to jump in and play

goal and can now focus on the big picture during practice.

Last year, with Williams in goal the majority of the time, Nowak said she matured in her position.

"Goalie is an area where you get better with time," Nowak said.

Some of the oldest goalies are the best goalies. And she is now playing goal at a junior level because of the amount of minutes she got in last season and that she used those minutes to her advantage."


Williams said her role as the only starting goalie was sometimes tiring and she is looking forward to the competition with Lorbert.

"She is amazing," Williams said.

"She is really putting up a fight for the starting spot and she has a lot of confidence. She is picking up the college game really well."

The Panther's next exhibition match will be held here at Lakeside Field Aug. 25 against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis.

The regular season will open up Aug. 31 at Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti, MI.




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SPORTS

Offense needs to produce



MATT DANIELS

The last time Eastern played a game at O'Brien Stadium, the Panthers sideline was not a safe or happy place.

Helmets were flying, chairs were being thrown, every dirty word one can imagine was being said in the closing minutes of Eastern's 24-13 first-round Football Championship Subdivision loss against Illinois State.

And all the anger was directed at one thing: Eastern's offense.

The big arm of quarterback Cole Stinson was not used, nor the play-making ability of Stinson's roommate and Eastern wide receiver Micah Rucker, in that game.

Now, the offense will once again try to at least match the results the defense has had in the past.

The last two seasons, Eastern's defense has carried them to the playoffs.

Last year, a critical tackle on a 4th-and-1 play by corner back Terrance Sanders and defensive tackle Tim Kelly stopped Jacksonville State's Clay Green short of a first down. The tackle was the biggest of the regular season because it came with Eastern leading 28-24 with less than two minutes to play. The tackle gave Eastern the win, and with the win, the Panthers claimed a share of the Ohio Valley Conference title and a second straight trip to the playoffs.

The defense was also first in the nation last year in turnovers gained with 36.

Who knows if the Panthers would have ever had a chance at the playoffs if it weren't for Lucius Seymour's fourth-quarter interception last year at Eastern Kentucky? Seymour's interception stopped an ECU drive inside Panther territory with the Colonels trailing 28-21 late in the game.

In 2005, the defense scored eight touchdowns and recorded a safety. Against Murray State that year, the Panthers defense scored three touchdowns, and two in the fourth quarter. Murray led 28-21 until Tristan Burge recovered a fumble in the end zone to tie the game. Then, Seymour returned an interception 43 yards for the game-winning touchdown with less than a minute to play.

The offense, while at times showing signs of potential, for the most part, has been mediocre at best the last two years – and below average in the last two playoff games.

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TRAVELING COACH FINDS NEW HOME



ERIC HILTNER | DEN

Jeff Hoover, the offensive line coach and run game coordinator, talks with senior receiver Jordan Campanella during practice at O'Brien Stadium Wednesday.

Coach Jeff Hoover remembers how he got his start in coaching

By Adam Tedder
Sports Editor

Seventeen years of coaching football.

That amount of time has shown Eastern offensive line coordinator coach Jeff Hoover he has a true passion for both football and coaching.

But Hoover said he almost did not coach football at all.

"Actually, my college coach talked me into it," Hoover said. "I had been planning on going to law school. But my coach and I were sitting on a plane together talking and he said 'We need a football coach and we would like you to have the job.'"

Hoover said his coach told him if the coaching job did not work out, he could always go to law school instead.

Hoover said he has never regretted the decision.

Before Hoover became a coach though, he was a three-time starter for the University of California-

Davis, where he graduated in 1991.

He was hired as the offensive line coach after graduation. In 1992 he coached for the offensive and defensive lines for the Arena Football League team, the Sacramento Attack. He went on to coach at Claremont-McKenna, Portland State, Utah State and Henderson State before coming to Eastern.

Hoover was hired last March and said he is excited about being with the team. He said he has nothing but the utmost respect for head coach Bob Spoo.

But Hoover said to stay interested

in coaching, it has to go beyond just the game of football.

He said a good relationship between the coaches and players is needed to be able to do the job and do the job well.

Hoover said throughout his 17 years of coaching the players have changed, where as the game has not.

"Obviously, 18- and 19-year-olds have changed since I began coaching, but I think that they still want to play hard and win," Hoover said. "So as long as they feel you're putting them in a position to win, they'll listen."

SEE TRAVELING, PAGE 9

Goalkeeper gets needed backup

Nowak finds backup goalkeeper for Williams this season

By Brandy Provaznik
Sports Reporter

It was early September of last year when the Panthers only starting goalie, Jenny Williams, got into a collision in front of the box and came out with a concussion.

Williams had no official backup and that is when the Panthers were forced to look to the rest of the team.

But the Panthers then had junior Kellie Floyd and freshman Alexis Miller who were able to step up and share time in the goal to fill the void for the one game Williams had to miss.

"Like any player, on any team, I wanted to be out there, but I knew that I couldn't and that my team

would have to be alright without me," Williams said.

This year the Panthers will have another option at goalie with the addition of freshman Kaylin Lorbert.

Head coach Tim Nowak said he is looking forward to having that stability.

The reason the Panthers did not have a back up goalie last year is because when Nowak came to Eastern in his first year that previous coach had not recruited a goalie and Nowak said, it was a little too late to get one.

Nowak said it is hard for a coach to recruit two goalies from the same class.

"Only one gets to play and so it is tough to get two goalkeepers and offer scholarships, with only one getting that majority of the playing time," Nowak said. "It is really nice to have Jenny and Kaylin in two separate classes."

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AMIR PRELLBERG | DEN

Freshman goalkeeper Kaylin Lorbert attempts a save Wednesday afternoon at the soccer practice fields behind O'Brien Stadium.